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You have read, and will continue to read a great deal concerning plans to step up atomic bomb production, in the light of the Russian disclosure. Such talk should be taken with a grain of uranium. For this precious element is the limiting factor in any enlarged atomic program.

No one is saying how much uranium we have, or what the potential may be. But it is a safe speculation that we are processing all we can find. We buy uranium wherever it appears on the world mkt. Virtually every rock formation in the U S is being checked for uranium content. The U S Atomic Energy Commission has a standing offer of a \$10,000 bonus for discovery of a new deposit. Obviously, we can't arbitrarily increase atomic production, as in the case of other armaments.

Actually, the long-range objective is not more uranium, but more effective use of the present supply. Theoretically, a completely efficient reactor would produce 140 times as much atomic fuel as we are now getting from a given quantity of uranium. We are far from solving this phase of our problem. But we are thinking—and moving—in that direction. In Idaho, we are soon to erect our 1st test reactor. Regardless of what you may read or hear, the real atomic race is in the conversion of uranium into usable power units. The winner will master resources of a magnitude beyond the power of any man to tabulate, or even comprehend.

MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Rep WALTER HUBER, of Ohio: "It's pretty hard to keep your mind on world affairs and baseball at the same time." 1-Q

Manchester (England) *Guardian*, reporting 1st reaction in Fleet St to Pres TRUMAN's news of Russian atomic explosion: "Now they've devalued the atom!" 2-Q

CHAS F BRANNAN, Sec'y of Agriculture: "The U S is the only nation, at midstream in the 20th century, that is faced with the challenge of abundance. We must learn to live with it if we are to safeguard the nation from unemployment and depression." 3-Q

Dr KONRAD ADENAUER, Chancellor, W German Republic: "Constitutions, after all, are mainly what the people living under them make of them." 4-Q

For'gn Policy Ass'n: "The peoples of the world give for the total budget of the great (UN*) organization, which they expect to provide them with peace and security, far less money than N Y C spends for cleaning the st's." 5-Q

Dr RUFUS B ROBINS, Democratic nat'l committeeman from Arkansas, discussing TRUMAN tendency to appoint old friends to public office: "When the Pres wants to do something for the West, he makes an appointment from Kansas City. When he wants to do something for the East, he makes an appointment from St Louis." 6-Q

ILYA EHRENBURG, Russian journalist, in *Red Star*: "If the Ameri-

can beast of prey will start a new war, it will not linger in the Old World—the war will reach America, too." 7-Q

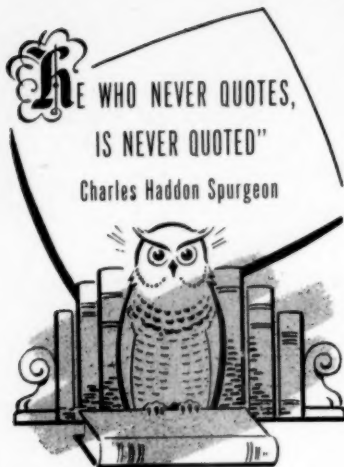
Dr MORRIS SCHAEFFER, director, contagious disease division, Cleveland (Ohio) City Hospital: "There is no reason the life span cannot be raised to at least 120 yrs. Not in our lifetime, but in the not-too-distant future, either." 8-Q

NORMAN CORWIN, head of special projects, UN* Radio: "Some people say it's hard to work for one sponsor. They should try . . . working for 59! With every one of the mbr countries watching us, the broadcasts have to be the quintessence of objectivity." (Quoted by ROBT W WELLS, *Milwaukee Jnl*) 9-Q

CLIFTON WEBB, actor: "From what I have seen, the only country in the world safe from communism is Russia." 10-Q

Rev THEODOSIE SCALA, Russian language teacher, Univ of Omaha: "There will be no peace until we convince the Russian people that we are not all policemen who beat laborers." 11-Q





ADVERSITY—1

Hammering hardens steel but crumbles putty. Can you take it?—Origin unknown.

ATOM BOMB—2

We must keep (the atom bomb), and develop it, and have it ready—simply in order to retaliate if it is used against us . . .

But in the conditions of war that seem probable in the decade to come, the atom bomb should not be thought the instrument of victory. It is only an instrument of destruction. And while some destruction is incident to any military victory, they are not synonymous.—WM H HESSLER, "The Atom Bomb Won't Do What You Think," *Collier's*, 9-17-'49.

BEHAVIOR—3

Asked by his son how soon he would be old enough to do just as he pleased, a wise father ans'd: "I don't know, son; nobody has ever lived that long, yet."—*Rays of Sunshine*.

CENSORSHIP—4

A prisoner in Russia managed to fool the censors by sending the following message on a post card rec'd in Germany: "I am well, the

food is excellent, and we all are having a good time. The work isn't hard and we have nothing to complain about. You can tell that to the Marines."—*Der Stern*, Duisburg, Germany. (QUOTE translation)

COST-OF-LIVING—5

Life must be worth living; the cost has doubled, but most of us still hang on.—*Boston Globe*.

CRIME—6

Two hundred murders a day are committed by boys and girls under 20 yrs of age. Crime in the U S costs us \$13 billion a yr. America maintains an army of ½ million officials of the law to stand off 2 million criminals. Gambling constitutes one of the major evils. Fifteen billion American dollars a yr are poured into gambling. In 1 yr racetrack gambling am'ted to \$4 billion.—*Pulpit Preaching*.

CRITICISM—7

What a land! Movies condemned by people who never see them; religion condemned by people who never tried it. — *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Autumn

Why is it that so many of us persist in thinking that autumn is a sad season? Nature has merely fallen asleep, and her dreams must be beautiful, if we are to judge by her countenance. — SAM'L TAYLOR COLERIDGE,* English poet.

There is always a wk in Oct when Nature holds a bit of yellow glass to our eyes, and, like children, we catch a glimpse of the Golden Age.—J P MOWBRAY, quoted in *Ayograms*, hm. L S Ayres & Co. 8

DEPRESSION—9

A depression is a period of hard times, when we lose our money, but regain our common sense.—PETER CARTWRIGHT, *Country Gentleman*.

ECONOMICS—10

Dr Edwin Nourse, chmn of the President's Council of Economic Advisers and originator of the word "disinflation," has set us straight on its definition. It was not euphemism for recession or depression, he says. It's like when you run properly inflated tires fast over a hot road. Then air pressure builds up, possibly to the point where you'll have a blowout. The thing to do is to let enough air out to bring the pressure back to normal.—*Exec's Digest*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

EDUCATION—11

Education can't make us all leaders, but it can teach us which leader to follow. — *Employment Counselor*, hm, Employment Counselors Ass'n.

EMPLOYMENT—12

On the average in the U S, it takes \$8,000 in land, bldgs, tools, cash to make a job in a factory, an office, a store, or on a farm.—WHEELER McMILLEN, *Pathfinder*.

FAMILY—13

Any astronomer can predict with absolute accuracy just where every star in the heavens will be at half past eleven tonight. He can make no such prediction about his young daughter. — JAS TRUSLOW ADAMS,* American historian.

FEAR—14

If a man harbors any sort of fear, it percolates thru all his thinking, damages his personality, makes him landlord to a ghost.—LLOYD C DOUGLAS, author, quoted in *Family News*, hm, RCA Victor.

GIFTS—Giving—15

It's more blessed to give than to lend, and the expense is about the same.—*Companion*.

HEALTH—16

With rare exceptions the great prizes of life fall to those of stalwart robust physique. Nature de-

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mands that man be ever at the top of his condition. He who violates her laws must pay the penalty tho he sit upon a throne. Many a man pays for his success with a slice of his constitution. — JULIA WARD HOWE,* American author.

They say . . .

Dr JESSE M BADER, of Fed'l Council of Churches of Christ in America, is asking every Protestant church to "rescue observance of Christmas from an emphasis on turkey, tinsel and presents, and New Yr's from headache-producing revelry." Thru 37 denominations, 140,000 churches will be asked to join effort to spiritualize rather than commercialize holidays . . . *New Yorker* breaks the sad news on the home front: *Happy Marriage* mag has folded . . . We were alarmed to learn it has long been possible to install television with telephones for mugging as well as conversing. Consoling note: devices are too costly for gen'l usage . . . Pres JESSE BUCHANAN, of Univ of Idaho, suggests new idea in field of education—a "PH T" degree. To be awarded to hard-working wives of vets, degree stands for: "Putting Husbands Thru."

HUMAN RELATIONS—17

Only the Lord knows why we save our harshest words for those we love the best. — *Cable*, hm, Council 437, Knights of Columbus.

INTERPRETATION—18

He who is a good judge of men corrects what he hears by what he sees; he who is not a good judge of men corrupts what he sees by what he hears.—*The Wisdom of China & India*, translated from Chinese by LIN YUTANG. (Random)

INVENTIONS—Inspiration—19

I have been told that the idea of the loud-speaker for radio came from one who believed in the "second coming" so literally that he wrote that if the Master were to come again, he would want to speak to all the people in the world; therefore, something should be done to make it possible.—Sen ELBERT D THOMAS, of Utah, quoted in *A A U P Bulletin*.

LANGUAGE—20

You don't need to underline or shout if you use the right words.—*Information*.

MAN—21

A well adjusted person is like a housebroken dog. He has the basic inhibitions to permit him to live in society, but none extra to interfere with his happiness.—ANDREW WALTER, *Conditioned Reflex Therapy*.

MATURITY—22

Adulthood is the time for putting into effect a wisdom about life that childhood and youth are unable as yet even to possess.—H A OVERSTREET, *Mature Mind*. (Norton)

OPPORTUNITY—23

Opportunity is that which, if you have not thought out what it means, you cannot recognize when it comes.—*R & R Mag*, hm, Ins Research & Review Service.

ORGANIZATION—24

Billy Rose tells about the beggar who somehow got in the backdoor of the Rothschild castle and actually got to see the banker. The financier kindly referred him to his sec'y, who turned him over to the butler, who sent him down to see the porter, who directed him to the gatekeeper, who promptly booted him out.

"Did you get anything?" asked another beggar who happened to be passing.

"Not exactly," said the 1st pan-handler, "but the organization in that place is simply magnificent." —*Successful Farming*.

PACIFISM—25

I still like to call myself a Pacifist despite the fact that I have served and fought in 2 wars. I mean by Pacifism hatred of war. We all hate war, but that does not mean we are prepared to sacrifice our freedom, independence and way of life however much we may be threatened.—ARTHUR HENDERSON, British Sec'y for Air, *Cambridge (England) Daily News*.

PATIENCE—26

Patience: The ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping the gears. — BETTY LEE EMANUEL, *Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag*.

PERFECTION—27

Every difficulty slurred over will be a ghost to disturb your repose later on.—FREDERIC CHOPIN,* Polish musician, the centennial of whose death is being observed this yr.



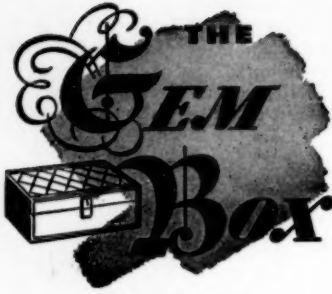
"Of all my inventions," THOS A EDISON reminisced, some yrs before his death on Oct 18, 1931,* "the incandescent lamp was the most difficult."

One Oct evening, just 70 yrs ago, the 32-yr-old inventor sat in his laboratory, weary from 13 mo's of repeated failure to find a filament that would stand the stress of electric current. The scientific press, at 1st politely skeptical, were now openly derisive. Discouraged backers were refusing to put up further funds.

Idly EDISON picked up a bit of lampblack mixed with tar, rolled it into a thread . . . "thread", he mused, ". . . thread . . . thread . . . carbonized cotton thread!" He had tried every known metal. Now he'd turn to the vegetable kingdom.

It required 5 hrs to carbonize a length of thread in a muffle furnace. The 1st one broke before it could be removed from the mould; likewise a 2nd and a 3rd, an entire spool of thread was consumed; then a 2nd spool. Finally a perfect filament emerged only to be broken in an effort to insert it into the vacuum tube. Another was destroyed when a jeweler's screw driver fell against it. For 2 days and 2 nights the effort cont'd. At last, on Oct 21, 1879, a filament was successfully inserted.* The bulb was exhausted of air and sealed, the current turned on . . . "The sight we had so long desired to see met our eyes."

And then EDISON, after working continuously for 48 hrs, sat for an add'l 45 hrs—until the light blinked out—gazing intently at the world's 1st incandescent electric lamp.



Children's Day*

Sponsored by the American Parents Comm and by Parents' Mag, a new "Children's Day" is to be observed Sunday, Oct 16th, honoring the nation's youth. Placing the emphasis on health and education, the '49 slogan is to be: "Children, the joy of today, the hope of tomorrow."

Much of the prose and poetry from the pen of FRANCIS THOMPSON may be justly termed eccentric—but nothing can be more intimate or reverent than his poems about children. With the coming celebration of Children's Day, it seems quite appropriate to choose from the works of this English poet his comprehensive "Know You What It Is to be a Child."

Know you what it is to be a child? It is to be something very different from the men of today.

It is to have a spirit yet streaming from the waters of baptism; it is to believe in love, to believe in loveliness, to believe in belief. It is to be so little that the elves can reach to whisper in your ear. It is to turn pumpkins into coaches, and mice into horses, lowness into loftiness and nothing into everything—for each child has his fairy godmother in his own soul. It is to live in a nutshell and count yourself king of the infinite space; it is

To see a world in a grain of sand,
Heaven in a wild flower,
To hold infinity in the palm of your hand,
And Eternity in an hr.

POLITICS—28

Geo Washington once wrote to Thos Jefferson: "The public will never be made to believe that an appointment of a relative is made on the ground of merit alone, uninfluenced by family views." So he refrained from seeking political preference for his kinfolk.—*Grit*.

PROGRESS—29

John Dewey,* the great-hearted philosopher, once remarked, at a gathering of liberals hesitant about taking action on a program: "You don't put on the brakes when you're going uphill." — McALISTER COLEMAN, "A New Party in Action," *Progressive*, 8-'49.

PUBLIC OPINION—30

The great question so far as public opinion is concerned is not what it wants, but what it ought to want. The pollsters cannot make this discovery. They maintain that those who are skeptical of their findings think "The People Is a Great Beast." The truth is that the Copper Wares of the pollsters seek to turn the people into a beast that is asked to roar when it is not ready to do so. But when there is clearness on what public opinion ought to want, it usually wants it.—LINDSAY ROGERS, *The Pollsters*. (Knopf)

RADIO—31

Radio is not an art medium. It's a commercial thing, a business. It's like the old-fashioned medicine man who collects a crowd and then puts his sales message across. —MICHAEL FITZMAURICE, veteran radio actor, quoted by JOHN CROSBY, *N Y Herald Tribune Syndicate*.

RESPONSIBILITY—32

It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities.—JOSIAH STAMP, quoted in *Animator*, hm, Alexander Film Company.

REST—Value—33

The bow that is stretched too far and too long loses its spring and power. The rest in music, the pause in oratory, the blue sky in a painting, all serve the main purpose.—WM T ELLIS, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

RUSSIA—34

Russian victory in the Cold War would change the human climate

of the world into an Ice Age that would harden the soul of man in the deep-freeze of atheism.—Capt EDDIE RICKENBACKER, pres Eastern Air Lines, *American Farm Youth*.

SAFETY—Safe Driving—35

It's one thing to lead a driver to the highway and another to make him think. — FREDERICK C RUSSELL, *Springfield Republican*.

"No tribute can surpass . . ."

On his 70th birthday, Oct 16, 1828, Noah Webster* lifted his eyes from the last proof sheet of the scholarly Introduction to his Dictionary. He wiped the ink from the quill and methodically capped the inkwell. He turned to his wife and colleague, and together they thanked God for sustaining them thru their long labor. Since June 4, 1800, when the project was 1st publicly announced, Webster had dandled his book on his knee to the tune of a public lullaby of jeers, insults, and misrepresentation. Undeterred by it, he had completed, single-handed, America's 1st monumental work of scholarship, *An American Dictionary of the English Language*. Today, Webster and dictionary are synonymous terms in our language. No tribute can surpass this one. — HARRY R WARFEL, *Noah Webster: Schoolmaster to America*. (Macmillan) 36

SCIENCE—37

A scientist is one who is always trying to prolong life so we can have time to pay for all the gadgets he invents.—FRED PACKARD, *Men Only*. (London)

SELFISHNESS—38

Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.—*Wesley News*.

SOCIALISM—39

We do not need to accept Socialism just because we do accept a few social responsibilities. We do not need to nationalize all public utilities just because we approve of a nat'l postal service. We do not need to invite political domination of private industry just because we approve of some political regulations to remedy abuses of private industrial power.

Yet many people think, like children, that if a little sugar or vinegar is good, then a lot must be better.—DONALD RICHBERG, "Where is Organized Labor Going?" *Harvard Business Review*, 7-49.

SPEECH—Preparation—40

If you are delivering a 15-min talk to 100 people, they are collectively devoting 25 hrs to your speech. Out of fairness you should devote at least 3 hrs preparation. Impromptu speeches are for use in emergencies only. — *Financial Post*. (Canada)

SYMPATHY—41

Sympathy is never wasted except when you give it to yourself. —JOHN W RAPER, *What This World Needs*. (World)

TAXES—42

A resentful taxpayer addressed his returns to the "Tax Inspector. Chicago City Haul."—*Judy's*.

THRIFT—43

Thrift is admirable, altho, if it were carried to its logical extreme, everybody would save every nickel he acquired and society would collapse.—*Boston Globe*.

TIPPING—44

Tipping is undoubtedly a great evil—when one doesn't tip. Something should be done to stop it,

and the man who leads the way in this great reform will deserve a monument—and need one, too—for he'll starve to death. — GEO HORACE LORIMER,* *Jack Spurlock*, *Prodigal*. (Doubleday)

TRADE—45

Sooner or later, every war of trade becomes a war of blood.—EUGENE V DEBS,* *American socialist leader*.

UNITED NATIONS*—46

The UN is not a static organization whose sole duty it is to maintain territorial possessions, strategic areas, colonies or mandates, spheres of influence, or economic empires. The UN can function at its best only when the principles of justice and equality are applied in a constant process of peaceful adjustment.

Can this be accomplished? The peoples of the world and every citizen of the UN will give the answer. Each of them has his hands on the wheel of progress; each of them can make it turn back to the Dark Ages or forward to a glorious future. The only thing no one can do is to make it stand still. — LOUIS DOLIVET, *The United Nations*. (Farrar, Straus)

VALUES—47

Money isn't the most important thing to save. It is the least. Bet-

ter to save your self-respect, your honor, your individual independence, your pride in being, and your health. These, and many more, are far better than gold. And their dividends are never passed!—GEO MATTHEW ADAMS, *Forbes*.

Quote CALENDAR

October 16-22—Nat'l Letter Writing Wk
17-23—Nat'l Bible Wk
17-24—United Nations Wk

October 16

1758—b Noah Webster, American lexicographer
1786—U S Mint established, Philadelphia
1793—d Marie Antoinette, French ruler
1888—b Eugene O'Neill, American playwright
1949—"Children's Day"

October 17

1586—d Sir Philip Sidney, English poet, statesman
1840—d Frederic Chopin, Polish composer
1897—d Chas A Dana, American journalist
1910—d Julia Ward Howe, American author, reformer
1910—d Wm Vaughn Moody, American poet, playwright

October 18

1839—b Thos Reed, American statesman
1859—b Henri Bergson, French philosopher, author
1867—Alaska transferred to U S by Russia
1878—b Jas Truslow Adams, American historian
1893—d Chas F Gounod, French composer
1931—d Thos A Edison, American inventor

October 19

1720—b John Woolman, American preacher
1735—b John Adams, 2nd U S Pres
1745—d Jonathan Swift, English satirist
1781—Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown
1784—b (Jas H) Leigh Hunt, English poet, essayist
1863—b John H Finley, American editor, educator
1926—d Eugene V Debs, American socialist leader

October 20

1632—b Christopher Wren, English architect
1825—b Dan'l E Sicksles, American politician
1859—b John Dewey, American philosopher, educator

October 21

1722—b Sam'l Taylor Coleridge, English poet, philosopher
1833—b Alfred Nobel, Swedish chemist
1879—"Thos Edison lighted 1st incandescent lamp"

October 22

1761—b Antoine Barnave, French statesman, orator
1806—d Thos Sheraton, English furniture designer
1811—b Franz Liszt, Hungarian composer
1845—b Sarah Bernhardt, French actress
1922—d Lyman Adams, American preacher, author
1937—d Geo H Lorimer, American author, editor

*Indicates relevant mat'l in current issue. See items thus marked.

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GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

A distinguished Dutch Catholic priest was once presented to the late Prince Henry of Holland. The prince was a very gracious man. He shook hands, smiled, and said, "Was your father a Catholic priest, too?"

Amid the embarrassment of those present, the Prince quickly caught on to his mistake. He gallantly shook hands again, murmuring his apology: "Please pardon me. I forgot that priests do not have fathers."—*Liguorian*. a

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Why doesn't the Internal Revenue Bureau offer us double our money back if we aren't satisfied?—*Tips*. " "

A football scholarship candidate was taking an exam in chemistry being given by a prof deeply interested in the college team.

"I'll ask you just 1 question," said the prof. "What is the chemical formula for salt?"

"I don't know," confessed the candidate.

"Correct—you don't; you get a mark of 100."—*R K Coe, White-water (Wis) Register*. b

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Sugar Daddy: A form of crystallized sap. — *Canning Trade*. " "

The farmer who sent for a book on *How To Grow Tomatoes* wrote to the publisher: "The man who writ the ad shoudla writ the book."—*Lee Traveller*. c

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Wm H Taft was typed in the American mind as a jovial person, and he was. His great girth often rippled as the former Pres and Chief Justice heard an amusing story. But W H T could go acid, too. His crushing remark to Sherman Minton when the latter argued a point in Mr Taft's Yale law class is a case in point. "I'm afraid, Mr Minton, if you don't like the way this law has been interpreted, you'll have to get on the Supreme Court and change it." That ended the debate, but the contentious pupil now has the last laugh.—*St Louis Post-Dispatch*. d

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

NAN MERRIMAN

"Miss Symphony of 1948"

Introducing Thos Edison* at a dinner at one time, the toastmaster mentioned his many inventions, dwelling at great length on the talking machine. Finally he stopped and the aged inventor had the opportunity to get a word in edgewise. Thanking the speaker, he said: "Your toastmaster was most kind, but there is a correction I'd like to make. God invented the talking machine. I merely invented the 1st one that could be shut off."—*Pageant*.

The latest joke in Budapest, inspired by the self-confessions at Communists trials:

One day the high commissioner of police ordered a detective to learn whether a skeleton standing in his office was really the skeleton of Attila, the 5th-century King of the Huns. The detective took away the skeleton. Several days later he ret'd with all that was left—a few splinters of bone.

"The skeleton is really that of Attila," he announced.

"How did you confirm it?" asked the police chief. The detective ans'd proudly, "He confessed."—*Newsweek*. e

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Legally, the husband is the head of the house and the pedestrian has the right of way. Both husband and pedestrian are fairly safe unless they try to exercise their rights.—*Grit*. " "

Jas Thurber is not mechanically minded. One day, when he was out driving his car, he glanced at the dashboard and observed to his horror that one dial read 760. "Good heavens!" he muttered. "This car is burning up!"

Fearing an explosion at any moment, he pulled in at the nearest

service station and excitedly stammered his predicament to the attendant. The latter listened patiently, then stepped into the car to take a look. Thurber retired behind the gas pump, his face white.

"Have you located the trouble?" the humorist asked nervously.

"Yes," repl'd the bored attendant. "Your radio is tuned to WJZ—760 on your dial."—*IRVING HOFFMAN, Hollywood Reporter*. f

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Staying on a diet is a triumph of mind over platter.—*Bob Hawk, radio program*. " "

A southseas trader is using a new aid to trade with the natives—a portable film projection unit. His schooner anchors in the lagoons, and he takes aboard copra. Then he gives a film show ashore, with admission price at 1 coconut—which is so much more copra. A native interpreter stands beside the screen and shouts translations. Clark Gable murmurs: "Please try to see it my way. If you refuse me now, I have nothing left to live for." A 6 ft Tonga Islander beside the screen yells: "Dis fella him say, 'You no belonga me bimeby—me lib for die—all same finish!'" — *Evening Standard*. (London) g

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Wolf: A man who keeps a young lady pretty much in the dark.—*Hudson Newsletter*. " "

"Senator, a lot of your constituents can't understand from your speech last night just how you stand on the question."

"Fine! It took me 7 hrs to write it that way."—*Home Life*, hm, Railroadmen's Savings & Loan Ass'n. h

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It was a lovely restful Sunday morning. In the sun parlor, Mrs Whitaker was taking her luxurious ease, in company with her husband, when the telephone shrilled in the living room. She arose impatiently to answer it, and when she ret'd she bitterly complained:

"You'd think that silly Mrs Tucker would realize that it's bad form to call a person during church hrs."

"Maybe she happens to know you don't go to church, dear," her husband placatingly repl'd.

"Well," snapped the little woman, "she might have the decency to act as if I do!"—*Wall St Jnl.* 1

A reader of a wkly paper wrote to the editor asking when it was proper for a gentleman to remove his hat. The editor repl'd that it should be done when mopping the brow, when taking a bath, when eating, when going to bed, when taking up a collection, when having the hair trimmed, when being shampooed, when standing on the head. — GORDON GAMMACK, *Des Moines Register.* j

With some girls, "no" is like a comma—it doesn't mean a complete stop.—*Santa Fe Mag.* hm, *Santa Fe Ry.*

"Is my son getting well grounded in languages?" asked the doting parent.

"I would put it even stronger than that," repl'd the private tutor. "I may say that he is actually stranded on them."—*Two Bells*, hm, *Ga Power Co.* k

Young astronomer to mountain dweller: "Why, my friend, science is doing wonderful things out in the world. On a high mountain in California, we have a telescope that is so powerful that we can look 3,000 mi's away and see the eyelashes of a beautiful girl!"

Mountain Dweller: "That's pretty good, son, but who wants to see a pretty girl so far away?"—*Capper's Wkly.* 1

When a prominent man loses his mental balance it's occupational fatigue, but when a poor man has the same trouble he's nuts.—*Rex Top-ics.*

Sir John Lavery, the famous painter, tells of an old Scottish gardener who went to an exhibition of pictures in London. The old man intently surveyed one picture labeled "The Fall!" until asked what he thought of it.

"I think no great things of it," was the reply. "Eve is tempting Adam wi' an apple of a variety that wasna known till about 20 yrs ago."—*Ladies' Home Jnl.* m

The best way to make high prices fall is to stop falling for them.—*Answers.*

Liturgy of Labor

English people, writing to friends, are panning their gov't with this mock liturgy:

"Form of daily service in gov't dep'ts: Let us pray—O Lord, grant that this day we come to no decisions, neither run into any kind of responsibility, but that our doings may be ordered to establish new and quite unwarranted dep'ts for ever and ever."

Hymn—

"O Thou who seest all things below,

Grant that Thy servants may go slow,

That they may study to comply With regulations till they die

"Teach us, Lord, to reverence Committees more than common sense;

Impress our minds to make no plan,

But pass the baby where we can.

"And when the tempter seems to give

Us feelings of initiative,

Or when alone we go too far, Chastise us with a circular.

"Mid war and tumult, fire and storms,

Strengthen us, we pray, with forms,

Thus will Thy servants ever be A flock of perfect sheep for Thee. Amen."

—*Chicago Daily News.* n



FIREARMS: Revolutionary telescopic sight instantly changes from 2½ to 4 power by a quarter turn of a ring without altering focus or eye-distance. Readily shifted from one gun to another. Special mounts attach to many popular guns without drilling or hole tapping. (*Parade*)

FIRE—Protection: Smoke detector, for early warning of incipient fires in storerooms, is a single unit thru which a continuous sample of air is drawn. After dust is filtered out, air passes light beam focused on photoelectric cell. Any smoke in air cuts am't of light hitting cell, causing an alarm. (*Science Service*)

HEATING: "Alvacord," which mfr claims can convert ordinary blanket into electric one, consists of a thermostat, 30 ft of specially-insulated wiring. Eight pins are included in the set, which will sell for about \$10. (*W N N S*)

HOME FURNISHINGS: Adjustable makes ordinary bed operate like hospital model. Adjusts mattress to varying positions; folds for storage. Mengel Co, Louisville, Ky. (*Business Wk*)

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS: Crayons, made by Tempil Corp'n of N Y C, that tell how hot a piece of metal is are now available for temp's from 130° F to as high as 2,000°. Smear made with a Tempilstik starts to liquefy only at the temp marked on the crayon. Used in welding, tempering, forging, and casting. (*Popular Science*)

WATCHES: Swiss watchmakers have made aluminum watch weighing 7/10 oz. After yr's research, the Swiss developed special aluminum alloy used for all parts except jeweled-lever movement. Watch, said to be dependable, accurate; will float on water. (*Modern Metals*)

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THE MAGAZINES



Definition of Democracy—GABRIEL PRESSMAN & JOS DURSO, *N Y Times Mag*, 9-11-'49.

For 15 mo's, while traveling in Europe and thru correspondence, we have been asking people the question: "What is democracy?"

Armies claim to "bring" it to nations. Politicians promise it. Communists denounce the "old, formalistic, bourgeois" democracy of the West and proclaim the "new people's democracy" of the East. Among the "little people" definitions were equally varied. But . . . one fact was constant: everybody wants democracy . . .

Our basic difficulty is that it is quite impossible to tell people about democracy; you have to let them do it; democracy, like swimming, is hard to teach from a platform. — SAM'L GRAFTON, columnist & author.

The farther south one moved, the more democracy was tied up in the popular mind with bread and work. Behind the Iron Curtain, where civil liberties are curtailed, there was a greater appreciation of that kind of freedom. In both East and West, however, everyone agreed that democracy includes the right to speak one's mind and to have a gov't of one's choosing . . .

In the British Isles there was a strong feeling for Abraham Lincoln's idea of democracy as expressed in the Gettysburg Address . . . Just a few mi's west of Rome, on a 10,000 acre Maccarese farm, live 2,000 tenant farmers and share-croppers. Mrs Maria Dacoli spoke for a family of 5 . . . To her democracy included one greatly overlooked element—"freedom of religion." "There is no democracy without it," she said . . . Across the Aegean Sea in Greece, as in Italy, democracy is indissolubly tied up with food, clothing and shelter and the events that seemed to rob people of them. Many workers in both countries defined it

simply: "To work and to live." . . .

Word came from behind the Iron Curtain about a friend who was an official in a Soviet satellite country. Forced by circumstances to take a job with the Gov't, he had confided a few mo's ago, "Democracy means a lot to me—the right to talk and to think without worrying about being jailed or killed. It means freedom to live and find happiness." The information that arrived last wk was that this friend had been imprisoned, without being charged or tried . . .

Everyone is feverishly seeking economic security; and the overwhelming privations of post-war Europe make this the exclusive goal of democracy for many . . . Many people understand that democracy is a matter of degree, not of kind. And, tho often wretchedly hungry and insecure, they seem to sense too that, while political democracy without economic democracy is incomplete, economic democracy without political democracy is impossible.



A Study in Misunderstanding—A DEN DOOLAARD, *Sat Review of Literature*, 9-24-'49.

I am a Dutchman. Can you swear that this does not evoke instantaneously the following surrealistic picture in your mind: my head an Edam cheese, my left arm a tulip, my right one the wing of a windmill, whereas the rest of my anatomy consists of baggy trousers and wooden clogs? Are you quite sure that during the recent Dutch-Indonesian conflict the tulip was not temporarily re-

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placed by a 6-shooter, and were you not firmly convinced that I, being a Dutchman, could only be a die-hard imperialist?

Don't laugh before I have painted the corresponding picture which will prove to you that Europeans see Americans in exactly the same crazy way as Americans see Europeans. After my 1st visit to America last yr I galloped 'round to various neighbors in my Dutch village, and, before telling them what I had seen and witnessed, I asked them how they saw the average American. The result was another surrealistic concoction, as follows: The head of the average American was a radio, producing a syrupy love song. His left arm a steering column fixed up with a Dynaflo service, his right arm a baseball bat. His heart a red circle with the words Lucky Strike inside, his belly a safe deposit box, his left leg a drilling tower and his right leg a skyscraper. One of my informants had just read about Negro-baiting in the South, and he substituted for the crooning radio a white hood with 2 holes.

